



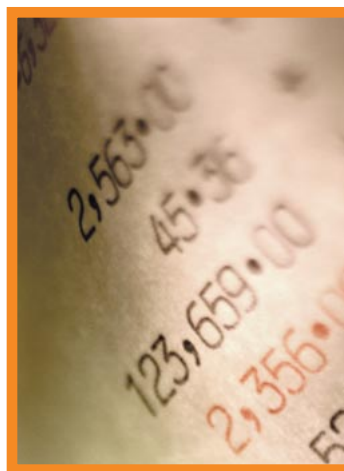
## PREPAYMENT AUDIT IS COMING!!!!

Effective April 20, 2000, prepayment audit of all transportation bills is mandatory. The FSS Audit Division is holding an informational meeting on January 11th in the GSA Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. The GS Building is located at 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20405. Join us to discuss the problems and solutions with implementing the prepayment audit.

### WHY PREPAYMENT AUDIT?

Because it means money for you. It makes more sense for an agency to pay the **RIGHT** amount the first time than for GSA to collect overcharges back from the carriers after you've paid your bills. In FY 99, GSA's postpayment audit program recovered \$17.5 million in overcharges from carriers. After operating expenses, GSA turned the remainder over to the Treasury.

If those bills had been audited prior to payment, a large portion of those overcharges would have been



identified...and your bills would have been lowered accordingly. Last fiscal year, the GSA approved prepayment audit contractors saved client agencies over \$2.3 million...a return on their investment of over 6 to 1. For every dollar spent, they avoided paying six dollars. Avoid the rush! Sign up now and begin to reduce your operating expenses immediately. For more information contact James Fitzgerald...voice: 202-501-3000; e-mail: [james.fitzgerald@gsa.gov](mailto:james.fitzgerald@gsa.gov); fax: 202-501-3008.

## NEWS FLASH

### GSA PARTNERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

GSA Mid-Atlantic Region, Washington, DC, responded to the devastation of Hurricane Floyd by assisting FEMA with routing Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE) to Raleigh, NC and Ft. Gillem, GA. Two helicopters were chartered for fly-over missions to survey damage in the state of New Jersey, and refrigerated trucks were leased to store ice and perishable food items in NC and GA. Additionally, over 62 truckloads of water, generators, plastic sheeting, and other relief items were routed to FEMA Disaster Field Offices in Raleigh, NC; Forest Park, GA; Ft. Gillem, GA; Ft. Worth, TX and Moffett Field, CA. Transportation costs exceeded \$280,000.

The next time you find your agency needing a little more help, know there is someone you can call — GSA. Visit GSA's web site, <http://www.gsa.gov>, to find what else we are doing to assist our customers and how to reach us.

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